

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of The  
New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Commission  
July 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 4 South Street, New York, NY 10004.

Commissioner Dacey called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM.

Open Public Meeting Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commissioner Timothy J. Dacey (present); Commissioner Brian McEwing (present); Commissioner Jacob Shisha (present); Commissioner Charles E. Stapleton (absent); Commissioner Charles Wowkanech (absent).

Approval of the June 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Resolution #15-23 to approve the July 2015 Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Commissioner McEwing and seconded by Commissioner Shisha to pass Resolution #15-23 to approve the July 2015 Treasurers Report. All voted in favor.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Stuckey thanked everyone for traveling to Whitehall Terminal for the Commission's July Board Meeting.

Ms. Stuckey asked everyone to take a moment of silence to honor the lives of Captain Jay Graham and Captain Richard Wieners.

- A. Hudson River Update - Since the Commission's last meeting there have been four transport jobs completed by New Jersey State Licensed Pilot, Captain Leonard Evans.
- B. Captain Richard Wieners Memorial - Ms. Stuckey stated it was refreshing to see all the different pilot organizations come together. She believes it is a true testament of the Commission's dual piloting system and how well it work.

Ms. Stuckey thanked Captain Flannery and Metro for putting a great memorial together and inviting the Commission.

- C. Captain Loebel's Retirement - Ms. Stuckey attended the COTP Change of Command Ceremony and retirement ceremony for Captain Loebel at the US Customs House in Manhattan. The event was very well attended. Ms. Stuckey had the opportunity to speak with the new Captain of the Port, Michael Daye. He encouraged Ms. Stuckey to contact his office to set up a meeting to discuss current issues, and he expressed his desire to attend a future Commission meeting.
- D. Harbor Tour & Inspection of New Pilot Station House - The Harbor Tour is scheduled for Friday, July 24, 2015. The tour will begin with a meeting at Edgewater Street at 10:30 AM to view the construction of the new Pilot Station House. The group will then board a motorboat to tour ongoing projects. Ms. Stuckey asked everyone to let her know by Friday of any other points of interest.

Ms. Stuckey thanked Captain Schoenlank for his willingness to host the Harbor Tour.

- E. Teleconference with Royal Caribbean Port Manager - Ms. Stuckey is tentatively scheduled to have a teleconference with the staff of Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines on Thursday, July 23, 2015. She will discuss the issue of docked vessels being properly manned and lines being properly tendered to avoid surge damage from passing vessels. Ms. Stuckey invited the Commissioners and Association Presidents to participate.
- F. Maritime Association - A copy of a letter from the Maritime Association was provided to the Commissioners. The letter outlines many of the initiatives the Association is actively involved in. It also advises that the dues will be increased to \$3,000 this upcoming year. Ms. Stuckey has

already accounted for the increase in the Commission's FY16 budget. Ms. Stuckey invited Maritime Association's Executive Director Edward Kelly to speak about some of the initiatives during Public Comments.

- G. Harbor Ops Meeting - Ms. Stuckey attended the last Harbor Ops Meeting for the summer on June 16<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the agenda was provided to all Commissioners. Ms. Stuckey highlighted a couple of items:

The Hermione parade took place on July 4, 2015. The Sandy Hook Pilot's Association was the lead boat at the tip of the wedge that led the parade. Ms. Stuckey was unable to attend, but heard it was a great event.

The Maritime Association is currently looking for nominations of interested parties, agencies, politicians etc... to form a coalition for maintenance funding to work together to prepare grants and search out funding sources to help maintain the 50 foot channels. Ms. Stuckey will submit any nominations that are brought to her attention.

The following dredging projects are out for contract: Flushing Bay, Buttermilk Channel, and Newark Bay.

New York Shipping Association is working with the shipping agents/vessel owners to solicit funding to send a delegate of pilots to Vicksburg to simulate the arrival of the larger post Panamax vessels.

The company Weather Flow gave a presentation on a pilot project currently going on in the port. It is a remote sensing project that will provide information in addition to what is available from NOAA. They have also offered the maritime community with an account to temporarily get free access to the information.

- H. Commissioner Stapleton's Resignation - Commissioner Stapleton has submitted his letter of resignation to the Governor's office. His retirement will become effective September 1, 2015. He will attend the August meeting at which time; Ms. Stuckey will prepare a resolution for his many years of service to the Commission. At the meeting, Ms. Stuckey will also include an agenda item to elect a new president.

I. Andre's Vacation Schedule - Ms. Stuckey will be on vacation the week of July 27, 2015. She will be accessible by her cell phone and e-mail. Ms. Stuckey will remain local, so she will come in for any meeting that may occur during the week.

J. Future dates of interest -

Port Industry Day is October 1, 2015. Ms. Stuckey will attend. Any member of the Commission who is interested in attending should contact Ms. Stuckey so they can be registered.

The next Harbor Ops Meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2015.

Resolution #15-24 to Approve the Appointment of Docking Pilot Apprentice

Ms. Stuckey informed the Commission that Eric Lavin is the first to be taken off of the new Docking Pilot Apprentice Selection list.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing to pass Resolution #15-24 to approve the appointment of Docking Pilot Apprentice Eric Lavin. All voted in favor.

Mr. Lavin will appear at the Commission's August 18, 2015 Meeting for a final review, before receiving his certificate of appointment.

Public Comment(s)

Comment from Captain Richard Schoenlank, President Sandy Hook Pilots Association:

Captain Schoenlank advised that the Hermione Parade worked out well. He pointed out that Captain Kevin Walsh was the pilot for that ship. The ship went to the Statue of Liberty, the Intrepid, and docked at Governor's island.

Captain Schoenlank attended a tabletop exercise simulating the closure of the Kill Van Kull on July 9<sup>th</sup>. It was hosted by the Maritime Transportation System Recovery Unit.

Philip 66, Metro Pilots, and McAllister also participated. It was a really good run-through.

Captain Schoenlank is working with Captains Flannery and Zorovich to get quotes to present to the shipping companies and

vessel owners for the simulation for the arrival of the large vessels. He feels as if they are willing to fund the exercises. The Commission inquired if the money set aside for pilot training in their FY16 budget would be helpful. Ms. Stuckey advised that she had the conversation with the pilots and they have expressed that the vessel owners should fund the training since it directly benefits them.

Commander Olthius explained that the cost would be substantial because the simulators would need to be programmed to be able to mirror the conditions in the New York Harbor regarding tide, currents, etc... and not every facility has the ability to do so. They are currently looking at MITAGS.

MITAGS has supported similar simulation projects in the past, so they are very familiar with a project of this capacity. Captain Schoenlank and Captain Flannery feel that the vessel owners should bear the cost of the project. The carriers are aware of the simulation project. They are hoping to share the expense.

Comment from John Garvey, Director, Ferry Operations NYSDOT - Staten Island Ferry:

Ms. Stuckey thanked Mr. Garvey for hosting the Commission's meeting at the Staten Island Terminal. Ms. Stuckey asked him to provide the Commission with an update on the fog light project.

Mr. Garvey has ordered four slips in Whitehall Terminal. There have also been discussions with the Coast Guard to utilize one of the slips. The lights have various light waves, patterns, and colors to alert the pilots and help keep them on course.

Mr. Garvey believes that the lights work really well. They are currently being used on the approach to their facility.

Comment from Edward Kelly, Executive Director Maritime Association:

Mr. Kelly explained that The Maritime Association's dues periodically increase. The letter Ms. Stuckey mentioned is self-explanatory but will answer any questions the Commission may have.

Mr. Kelly explained that there is a maintenance dredging issue in NY/NJ. The cost of maintenance dredging is expected to increase from 75 to 85 million dollars. As Ms. Stuckey mentioned in her report, the Association is trying to recreate the coalition that existed in the 1970s to create the proper lobbying for the maintenance dredging. The name of the project

is "Keep it Deep". Any organization interested in participating should reach out to him.

### Committee Report

#### A. Investigation Committee:

- I. **STI Beryl** - June 14, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
- II. **Hangin Newport** - October 4, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
- III. **Maersk Chicago** - October 21, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
- IV. **Hyundai Glory** - December 5, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
- V. **Stolt Jade** - January 8, 2015. This incident is still under investigation.
- VI. **Singapore Express** - February 7, 2015. This incident is still under investigation.
- VII. **La Boheme** - February 25, 2015. This incident is still under investigation.
- VIII. **Axel Maersk** - March 28, 2015. This incident is still under investigation.
- IX. **MSC Kim** - May 19, 2015. This incident is still under investigation.
- X. **MSC Martina** - May 26, 2015. This incident is still under investigation.
- XI. **Sam Eagle** - June 4, 2015. This incident is still under investigation.

Ms. Stuckey informed the Commission that she attended the New York Pilot's interview. The Coast guard was also in attendance. As result of the interview, Commander Stiehl agreed to put in a request for lighted buoys in the channel.
- XII. **Chem Antares** - June 9, 2015. This incident is still under investigation.

### Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that a public body such as The New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission may meet in closed session to discuss legal and personnel matters, and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to meet in closed session to discuss such matters.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Commission shall at this time meet in closed session to discuss such matters the substance of the closed session would be disclosed publicly only

if it would not warrant an invasion of privacy or constitute a breach of the attorney client privilege.

A motion was made by Commissioner McEwing and seconded by Commissioner Shisha that the Commission goes into Executive Session.

All voted in favor.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 11:40 AM.

#### Return to Public Session

A motion was made by Commissioner McEwing and seconded by Commissioner Shisha that the Commission return to Public Session. All voted in favor.

The Commission returned to Public Session at 12:06 PM.

#### Resolution #15-25 to Approve the Request to Upgrade Maritime Pilot - Captain Kevin J. Walsh

A motion was made by Commissioner McEwing and seconded by Commissioner Shisha to approve the Resolution #15-25 to upgrade Captain Kevin J. Walsh. All voted in favor.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 PM.